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FOLLOW-UP MEETING AT NATO, SEPTEMBER 26-27, 1974

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1. RANGE OF USG AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY AND EXPERTISE REPRESENTED ON TENTATIVE U.S. DEL (REFTEL) APPEARS HIGHLY APPROPRIATE FOR PURPOSE OF AUTHORITATIVE, IN-DEPTH U.S. PARTICIPATION IN SUBJECT MEETING. BELIEVE EPA REPRESENTATION, SHOULD OFFICIAL MENTIONED INDEED BE AVAILABLE, WOULD DEFINITELY ENHANCE U.S. TEAM ON THIS OCCASION.

2. WE STILL UNCERTAIN AS TO EXPECTED LEVEL AND COMPOSITION OTHER NATIONAL DELS, PARTICULARLY THAT OF BELGIUM WHICH HAS CALLED (AND WILL CHAIR) THE MEETING. RENSON, GOB COORDINATOR FOR CCMS COASTAL WATER POLLUTION PILOT STUDY, WHO IS PRESENTLY ON LEAVE, WILL BE BACK IN HIS OFFICE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2. WE ARE SETTING UP APPOINTMENT FOR F.A. HARRIS (US/EPA) TO TALK WITH HIM ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, AND WE HOPE TO UNCLASSIFIED

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GET CLEARER READING ON BELGIAN STRATEGY AND OUTLOOK FOR MEETING AT THAT TIME. HOWEVER, WE KNOW FROM PREVIOUS CONTACTS WITH BELGIAN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING RENSON, THAT THEY BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT AT THIS STAGE TO GIVE FURTHER

IMPETUS AT POLITICAL LEVEL TO FOLLOW-UP OF NATO MEMBER COUNTRIES' 1970 COMMITMENT ON OIL SPILLS AND THEY HOPE USE FORTHCOMING MEETING TO THAT END. IN OUR VIEW, U.S. CAN AND SHOULD PROVIDE FULL SUPPORT TO BELGIAN EFFORTS IN THIS RESPECT, AND WE BELIEVE U.S. DEL SHOULD BE STRUCTURED ACCORDINGLY.

3. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH EMBASSY BRUSSELS.
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